

Bechtel BWXT Idaho LLC – Small Business Office Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Question: ***What is the INEEL?***

Answer: The INEEL is the acronym for Idaho National Engineering & Environmental Laboratory. The INEEL is solving critical challenges and offering technological solutions related to the environment, energy production and use, and national security through partnerships with private industry, colleges and universities. The site is also a National Environmental Research Park, one of only five in the nation, where scientists conduct ecological studies.

Visit www.inel.gov for more information.

Question: ***What do you buy?***

Answer: As a multi-program research and development laboratory, the INEEL purchases a broad spectrum of goods and services ranging from all forms of commercially available items to complex engineered hardware and equipment, advanced instrumentation and technical support services to industrial tools and office supplies.

Question: ***How do I get my company on your bid list?***

Answer: Due to the high volume of individual requisitions , Bechtel BWXT Idaho LLC. does not maintain a standard bid list. Instead, bid lists are developed by the procurement agent to secure adequate competition while targeting socioeconomic and buy Idaho initiatives specific to the individual requirement.

Question: ***How do I register my company for subcontracting opportunities?***

Answer: Bechtel BWXT Idaho, LLC. utilizes the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Pro-Net Procurement Marketing and Access Database. This database is an extremely valuable tool and has many advantages. It provides a detailed profile of your business and respective capabilities by various search mechanisms. Your profile is also visible to anyone who has access to the Internet rather than being isolated to one company's internal database

Click here to register and/or search the database:

www.pro-net.sba.gov

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Question: ***What is the definition of a small business?***

Answer: There is not one standard definition for small business classification as size determination may be based on either the number of employees, or net annual sales, which is different among various industries. Each supplier must establish its primary industry classification or NAICS (North American Industry Classification System) code. Based on your primary NAICS code, you are then able to cross reference to the appropriate Size Standard for your industry.

Click the links below to search NAICS codes and size standards.

www1.sba.gov/naics/dsp_naicssearch2.cfm
www.census.gov/epcd/www/naics.html

Question: ***I just learned of a request for proposal being issued for materials or services my company offers, however, I did not receive a solicitation. Why?***

Answer: As an M&O Contractor for the Department of Energy, it is BBWI's responsibility to ensure "adequate" competition, rather than "full and open competition". As a result of government streamlining and emphasis on commercial practices, it is not deemed efficient to solicit and review proposals from an unlimited number of suppliers, when reasonableness of price may be determined through a smaller sampling of qualified suppliers.

(Ref. Supplier Management Program)

Question: ***Does the INEEL give preference to Idaho suppliers?***

Answer: As a contractual obligation with the Department of Energy to support "Buy Idaho" initiatives, BBWI will seek to secure competition from within the State of Idaho as its preference. If adequate resources are not available from within the State, or as special circumstances necessitate, BBWI will expand its search to suppliers within its assigned Small Business Administration Region X, which includes Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and Alaska, with further expanded searches to follow as applicable.

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Question: ***What is the QSL?***

Answer: An internally-generated database containing first-tier suppliers who, through a formal evaluation process, have been qualified to provide ***quality significant*** materials and/or services to the INEEL. *Quality significant* means that the procured materials or services may or will have a direct impact on the safe and reliable operation of a nuclear or radiological facility.

For additional detail, refer to the INEEL Supplier Management Program (ISMP) located at

www.inel.gov/procurement/forms-documents/1107.pdf

Question: ***How do I get my company listed on the QSL?***

Answer: To be listed on the QSL is not a matter of simply requesting to “sign-up” or “register”. The QSL is restricted to those suppliers of ***quality significant*** materials and/or services only, who have been evaluated and qualified on the basis of immediate need. Evaluation and qualification is performed after the supplier has already been identified as the preferred offeror/bidder through the solicitation process. As a general rule, a pending award initiates the process to become qualified, thus listed on the QSL, if approved.

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Question: ***Is a supplier required to be on the QSL in order to receive solicitations?***

Answer: No.